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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified different herbs and prepared formulations from their abstracts during the last one year; and

(b) if so, the details of new herbal medicines which were introduced during the last one year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b):
(i) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has worked on 63 Ayurvedic preparations and tested them on various disease models. It resulted in 11 leads. A new formulation for anti-gastric peptic ulcer is undergoing pre-clinical investigations.

(ii) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has used formulations prepared from heartwood of Vijaysar (Pterocarpus marsupium) for clinical trials in mild diabetics.

(iii) Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow has identified plants for preparation of new foumulations from Mandukparni (Centella asiatica) for wound healing, Haritaki (Terminalia chabula), Ginkobiloba and Panus ginseng for anti stress activity. Similarly Picrolive, a glycoside prepared from Picrorhiza kurroa has been developed as a hepato protective product.